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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Don't cut off the little guy! Being held captive by big telecom is the first step towards China-style regimentation. Don't let it happen here.

Some of us have struggled decades to stay connected, through DSL, bundling, all kinds of marketing ploys to keep us tethered. Look what happened to the airlines when they reduced competition.

Realize it's through competition that creativity comes. Cut that off, you've reduced the chance of hearing the REAL voice of the nation.

It's important.

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